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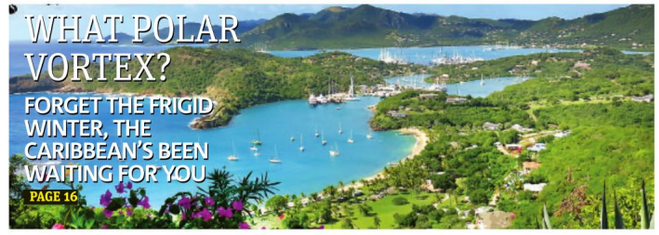

BITTERSWEET HOMECOMING

Olympic bobsledder Cody Sorensen arrives at the Ottawa International Airport Tuesday afternoon following the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi. The Ottawa native said he came home with "a whole bunch of emotions" after his four-man team toppled their bobsled and missed the podium last weekend. Sorensen suffered a minor concussion from the crash, but is doing fine. He said he's still eyeing the next Olympics in Korea. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Heighten safety at OC Transpo bus crash site: Watchdog

Concern. The Transportation Safety Board sent two letters to the city detailing potential hazards

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There have been several reported incidents at an OC Transpo railway crossing in Barrhaven since the fatal collision last September and Ottawa must improve its safety standards, according to Canada's transportation safety watchdog.

The Transportation Safety Board (TSB) sent two letters to the city on Tuesday. The first describes how four buses drove through the transitway crossing east of the Fallowfield Station — the same station in which an OC Transpo bus collided with a via rail train — when the gates were up, but the train signal lights were flashing.

"With regards to these specific incidents and in consideration of public concern, the City of Ottawa may wish to put appropriate measures in place to ensure that buses are able to stop safely in advance of an activated railway crossing signal," the first letter reads.

The second letter details a case where the lights remained on after a train had passed, but only one of the two gates returned to an upright position. An OC Transpo supervisor arrived on scene and determined that the automated crossing system went into a "fail-safe mode."

Three buses went through the crossing while the signal lights were still activated.

"Although the parties involved took reasonable steps to minimize the risk at the crossing and there were no adverse consequences, it would appear that there are opportunities to improve safety," it reads.

The City of Ottawa responded to the letters in a memo stating that it plans to meet with the TSB and Via Rail about installing an amber early warning light on the transitway, reviewing speed reductions and reviewing the bylaw about how vehicles operate on the transitway.

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‘I abhor violence,’ Sher says

The trial for Khurram Syed Sher will continue all week. Sher has pleaded not guilty to conspiring with two others to facilitate a terrorist activity. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Terror trial. Defence argues emails were about fantasy hockey, not terrorism

Accused of conspiring to facilitate terrorist activity, Khurram Sher took the stand at the Ottawa Courthouse Tuesday to describe himself as a peaceful, enthusiastic member of a fantasy hockey league.

Under questioning from defence lawyer Michael Edelson, he explained that emails sent to friends between 2008 and 2010 were about fantasy hockey and ball hockey tournaments in Montreal and Toronto.

“I abhor violence,” said Sher. “I like ball hockey, fantasy hockey, soccer and giving back to the community.”

Wearing a grey suit, the soft-spoken Sher claimed that he was so knowledgable about a fantasy hockey league that friends back home in Brossard on Montreal’s south shore would ask him for advice on which NHL players to trade.

A native of Brossard, Quebec, Sher attended McGill’s medical school, and in 2005, found residency in St. Thomas, Ont., outside London, where he, a devout Muslim and his wife, purchased a house.

Sher said his wife suffered from bipolar disorder and at one stage, started wearing a niqab until Sher asked her to stop. “People might see you and think we are terrorists,” he told the court.

The couple divorced in 2010 and have three young children.

In 2005 after an earthquake devastated parts of northern Pakistan, Sher and three Muslim friends volunteered to provide medical assistance at field hospitals and women’s shelters, the court heard. In addition, he was generous with his money, donating more than $10,000 to charities in 2010 alone.

Sher volunteered to do a second medical rotation, this time in Jerusalem, Israel and Karachi, Pakistan, in 2008. Edelson asked him about journal entries Sher made regarding monies owed to him while overseas.

“In case anything happened to me. It can be pretty dangerous there,” he told the courtroom. “My worst-case scenario was the risk of being killed or illegally detained like the Canadian journalist in Egypt.”

DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Sewer line to be repaired on Waller St.

Construction crews work on a large sinkhole on Waller Street Friday morning. TWITTER: @BRIAN_BANCROFT

A sewer line that was damaged following the collapse of Waller Street will be repaired this week.

Work is ongoing for the sinkhole that opened up directly above tunneling excavation work for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system on Feb. 20. The hole has been filled in with concrete and now the Rideau Transit Group (RTG) is removing asphalt and repairing the damaged storm sewer infrastructure.

Work on the sewer line will start Wednesday and could continue overnight and into normal construction hours during the rest of the week. The sewer line is due to be reconnected Friday, at the earliest.

The eastbound curb lane on Laurier Avenue from Nicholas to Waller could be closed overnight on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

The sinkhole opened up five metres above the tunneling excavation. RTG said it’s still investigating the cause of the road collapse and construction work for the LRT on Waller Street has been halted until the investigation is complete.

Water service and traffic lanes on Laurier have been restored since the sinkhole incident.

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Senators look poised to stay the course as trade deadline looms

Could Milan Michalek be part of a blockbuster deal as the trade deadline approaches? TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

March 5. Young squad just two points out of a playoff spot as they make their final push

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Ottawa Senators general manager Bryan Murray said it's "very possible" his hockey team could whiz by the March 5 NHL trade deadline without making any deals at all.

Murray told reporters Tuesday during a practice at the Robert Guertin Arena in Gatineau that he is confident his young team can make a playoff run.

"I like our hockey team and if we don't do anything, we are fine," he said.

"We have got some kids that have played really well down below and if it requires a call-up a little later on to fill a spot, we can do that."

With the Senators just two points away from the final wild card spot in the Eastern Conference, an upgrade could help the team make a final push to the post-season, but Murray isn't willing to shell out cash in such a high-demand market.

"There is only three or four teams that are really out," said Murray.

"With so many teams fighting for a playoff spot, I would suggest that the price is a little higher than you might want to pay at the moment."

Murray wouldn't comment on specific players, but forward Milan Michalek admitted he is a bit nervous as the trade deadline approaches. Michalek isn't having his best season, with just 10 goals and 25 points in 59 games, but he hopes to be around long enough to help the Senators make a playoff run.

"If it happens, it happens, you are not going to do anything about it. I am just trying to do my best here. I like it here in Ottawa and obviously I want to stay."

The Sens are currently tied for 10th in the East with 63 points. They take on Detroit at the Canadian Tire Centre Thursday.

On the chopping block?

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Senators forward Milan Michalek, on the possibility of being traded.

Fleury to talk mental health

Theo Fleury will be at Algonquin College to address youth mental health on March 6. METRO FILE

Former NHL hockey star Theo Fleury will be shedding a light on youth mental health when he presents a keynote address at Algonquin College March 6.

The former Stanley Cup champion and Olympic gold medallist will present "Playing with Fire," the same title as his best-selling book that chronicles his past struggles of sexual abuse at the hands of his junior coach Graham James, as well as substance abuse.

Fleury's presentation will educate the college on mental-health challenges facing youth today as well as provide information about support systems to help those struggling with mental illness.

Tickets to the event are $10, with proceeds going to the Ottawa Senators Foundation in support of Do It For Daron. For more information and for tickets, visit www.algonquincollege.com.

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Ravens aim for repeat performance vs. Queen's

The Carleton Ravens men's hockey team is hoping their two mid-season tilts against Queen's University are an indicator of how their second-round playoff matchup will go.

Carleton beat Queen's twice in regular-season dustups — one a close 3-2 win and the other a 4-1 stomping.

The two teams open their best-of-three series Wednesday night at the Ice House in Ottawa.

Raven's head coach Marty Johnston said that if his team wants to advance to the Ontario University Athletics championship, it will come down to the little things.

"There are so many one-goal games that we are really going to have to make sure that we pay attention to detail," he said.

Puck drop is at 7 p.m.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Playoff pressure

"We are going to need 60 minutes or more of absolute effort and commitment ..." Coach Marty Johnston

The Carleton Ravens take on the Nipissing Lakers in first-round playoff action last week. The Ravens will face Queen's in a second-round playoff series starting Wednesday night. VALERIE WUTTI/FOR METRO

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Canada is our stage: NAC gets a new flag, logo and tagline

The National Arts Centre unveiled a new flag, logo and tagline Tuesday as the performing arts centre approaches its 45th anniversary on June 2 and eyes the next big milestone, its 50th anniversary in 2019. The NAC's new tagline is "Canada is our stage," reflecting the goal of "playing a vital national role in the performing arts." TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Get off the couch ... and get onto a local sports pitch

Full Roster. New web app is designed for players to find leagues and vice-versa

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An Ottawa sports enthusiast is trying to get people off their couches and onto sports pitches with a new web app that connects people with sports teams in their city.

The app, Full Roster, is mainly geared toward leagues, but anybody can use it anywhere in the world — for players to find leagues or vice-versa.

"A player could put in their postal code and receive an email when a posting for a team comes up," said Full Roster creator Nicholas Van Zant.

Currently the focus is on hockey, and within the next month they hope to branch out to other sports like tennis and beach volleyball.

Full Roster is a new web app aimed at getting people off the couch and onto recreational sports teams in the area. CONTRIBUTED

Van Zant and his partner Andre Munroe have teamed up with the Canadian Adult Recreational Hockey Association (CARHA) and Rockstar Energy Drinks for future promotional sporting events.

"We plan on having a pond hockey tournament next year," he added.

Full Roster intends to donate a portion of its profits to various charities to support recreational sports in the global community.

"We have an affinity for our community and we want to connect with it," said Van Zant.

"People these days are becoming more disconnected but we're becoming more connected to technology — it's odd," he said.

Full Roster is currently a web-based app, but Van Zant is working to make it mobile.

Outaouais. 'Films for everybody'

The Outaouais Film Festival director Didier Farre says that movies don't have to be stupid to be entertaining.

"We went on emotion, and chose only films that people will like, sophisticated but entertaining," Farre said of the 100 movies to screen at the Canadian Museum of History March 14 to 21.

The series opens with a gala screening of Quebec director Albert Dupontel's award-winning film Neuf Mois Ferme and continues with screenings of critically acclaimed films from Japan, Germany, Great Britain, the U.S., Belgium and Canada, including Xavier Dolan's Tom à la Ferme, Stefan Miljevic's Amsterdam and two films by the Quebec team of Denis Villeneuve and Jean-Marc Vallée: Prisonniers and Dallas Buyer's Club.

"Kids, francophones, anglophones, these are films for everybody. French films will be subtitled in English and English subtitled in French," Farre says emphatically.

The festival includes master film classes, a focus on Quebec film, and a tribute to one of the giants of Quebec's television industry, Marie-France Brière.

For more, visit the festival's site at offestival.com.

DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Toronto. Ford opens up to American TV host, shuts down local journalists

The mayor of Toronto was happy to discuss drinking and drugs with the host of a U.S. morning show on Tuesday but bristled when asked questions on the same issues by journalists in his own city.

"I don't use illegal drugs. I experimented with them, like probably a year ago, but I don't use drugs," Rob Ford told Today show host Matt Lauer. "Things are going fantastic, Matt."

Ford took a combative stance when asked by Toronto reporters to clarify his comments.

Not quite perfect

"Maybe you're perfect, but I'm not. We're moving on in a positive direction."

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, to Matt Lauer.

"Don't be jealous if I do an interview with an American station," he told journalists while leaving a news conference where he refused to answer questions on drug use.

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Misuse of public funds?

N.L. to spend $60K to clean up image of seal industry

Newfoundland and Labrador is funding an awareness campaign aimed at seal industry "misconceptions" ahead of a World Trade Organization appeal.

Fisheries Minister Keith Hutchings said Tuesday the province will give $60,000 to the Seals and Sealing Network, an industry group that's leading the campaign.

Animal-rights groups say this is a misuse of public funds.

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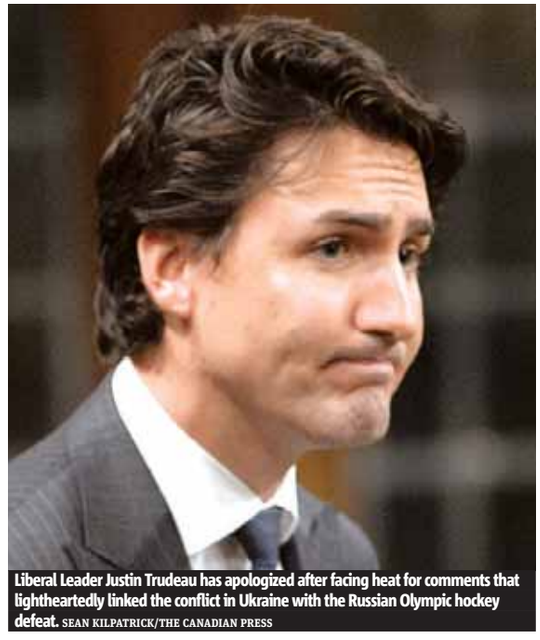
Trudeau says he's sorry for joke about Ukraine



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau has apologized after facing heat for comments that lightheartedly linked the conflict in Ukraine with the Russian Olympic hockey defeat. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No laughing matter. Liberal leader apologizes for remark about Russian invasion as opponents look to capitalize on the gaffe

Justin Trudeau was back on Parliament Hill Tuesday to face the music for his joke about Ukraine, as the Conservatives and NDP pondered once again how to make the Liberal leader's latest gaffe stick.

Trudeau told the media he waited until Tuesday to apologize because he "wanted to make sure that I had the chance to express directly to leaders in the Ukrainian community … how seriously the Liberal party takes the situation in Ukraine."

He added that his joke during a pre-taped appearance on a Radio-Canada current affairs program "made light of some very real fears and concerns that Ukrainians have about Russian intervention."

Trudeau apologized earlier in the day to the Ukrainian ambassador to Canada after making a quick visit to the embassy. Vadym Prystaiko, who had called for the apology a day earlier, praised Trudeau for being the first Canadian politician to sign a book of condolences.

Trudeau also tweeted that he'd made amends with Paul Grod, head of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

In an interview Thursday, Trudeau said Russia, peeved about being eliminated from the medal round in Olympic hockey, might vent its spleen by getting involved in Ukraine.

In the aftermath of Trudeau's comments, both the Conservatives and NDP pounced in an effort to inflict some damage. Trudeau is consistently ahead in public-opinion polls and wrapped up a successful policy convention in Montreal over the weekend.

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Tensions soar in Crimea against Kyiv 'bandits'

'Russia, save us!'
Protesters in the pro-Russian region of Crimea aren't ready for the change in Ukraine's government

Dozens of pro-Russian protesters rallied Tuesday in the Ukrainian peninsula of Crimea against "the bandits" in Kyiv who are trying to form a new government — with some even speaking of secession. A lawmaker from Russia stoked their passions further by promising them that Russia will protect them.

As a Russian flag flew Tuesday in front of the city council building in Sevastopol — a key Crimean port where Russia's Black Sea Fleet is based — an armoured Russian personnel carrier and two trucks full of troops made a rare appearance on the streets of the city.

The Crimean Peninsula — a pro-Russian region about the size of Massachusetts or Belgium — is a tinder pot in the making.

Protesters had torn down the Ukrainian flag a day ago, pleading with Moscow to protect them from the new authorities in Ukraine who have forced President Viktor Yanukovych to flee Kyiv, the capital, and go into hiding.

"Bandits have come to power," said Vyacheslav Tokarev, a 39-year-old construction worker in Sevastopol. "I'm ready to take arms to fight the fascists who have seized power in Kyiv."

Yanukovych's whereabouts are unknown but he was last reportedly seen in the Crimea. Law enforcement agencies have issued an arrest warrant for Yanukovych over the killing of 82 people, mainly protesters, last week in the bloodiest violence in Ukraine's post-Soviet history.

Chanting "Russia, save us!" the protesters gathered for a third day before administrative buildings in Sevastopol and in other Crimean cities. The protests Sunday numbered in the thousands.

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Thai woman raises fists against government

An anti-government protester raises her clenched fists as she listens to a speech by anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban in Bangkok, Thailand, Tuesday. The protesters, mostly representing the urban elite and those in the south, are pressing for the resignation of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uganda. Newspaper publishes list of the country's '200 top' gays

A Ugandan reads a copy of the Red Pepper tabloid newspaper in Kampala, Uganda, on Tuesday. STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Ugandan newspaper published a list Tuesday of what it called the country's "200 top" gays, outing some Ugandans and raising fears of violence against those named just a day after the president enacted a severe anti-gay law.

Many on the list "are scared and they need help," said Pepe Julian Onziema, a prominent Ugandan gay activist who was named in the Red Pepper tabloid. "Some want to leave the country and they are asking to be helped."

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday's signing of the bill by President Yoweri Museveni marked "a tragic day for Uganda and for all who care about the cause of human rights."

He warned that Washington could cut aid to the East African nation over the new law, which punishes gay sex with up to life in prison.

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Amid strikes

Egypt names new prime minister

Egypt's interim president chose the outgoing housing minister, a construction magnate from the era of ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak, as his new prime minister on Tuesday.

The switch appeared orchestrated to give military chief and likely presidential candidate Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi a window for a quieter street after a spike in labour strikes.

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Eye for an eye

U.S. expels three Venezuelan diplomats

The United State has expelled three Venezuelan diplomats in response to similar action against three U.S. consular officials in Caracas. Venezuelan envoys Ignacio Luis Cajal Avalos, Victor Manuel Pisani Azpurua and Marcos Jose Garcia Figueredo, were given 48 hours to leave the U.S.

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Central African Republic orphans' long walk to safety

Christian-Muslim. Sectarian violence rages, breaking up families, making orphans of young children

Ibrahim Adamou's parents had just been killed in front of him. He wasn't sure whether any of his five siblings had survived the attack by Christian militiamen who opened fire on his family of herders as they journeyed on foot.

The seven-year-old just knew he had to keep running.

Covering 100 kilometres barefoot and alone, he slept under the thick cover of banana trees at night and followed the red rutted paths by day, not entirely sure where he was going, with nothing to eat.

Finally he encountered peacekeepers who gave him some cookies and pointed the way to Carnot, where a Catholic church was sheltering 800 Muslims, including many ethnic Peuls like Ibrahim. With the help of a Christian man on a motorcycle who risked his life by giving the boy a lift, Ibrahim arrived at the church early Monday.

"When we got to a checkpoint, the militia fighters told the man, 'Leave the boy here and we will kill him'," Ibrahim recounted softly. "But the man said, 'If you are going to kill him, you must kill me too' and then they let us pass."

What is even more remarkable about Ibrahim's story is that there are at least six other children under the age of 10 with a nearly identical story in Carnot. As violence rages against Muslims deep in the bush in the country's southwest, children appear to be, often, the only survivors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hiding, walking, hungry

When one orphan heard motorcycles on the road, he would hide in the woods. When the roads were empty, he just kept walking, asking anyone he could where he could find the peacekeepers who were guarding Muslims.

- An elder shaved the heads of the orphans to indicate they are in mourning for their parents.

Christian militiamen opened fire on Ibrahim Adamoud as he journeyed on foot with a group of herders. His parents had already been killed. He wasn't sure whether his siblings survived the attack. KRISTA LARSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fewer crazy names for Cuba's children

When Yanitse Garcia's firstborn came into the world, Garcia decided to save her daughter a lifetime of grief by choosing a simple name.

"What I liked about Olivia is precisely that it wouldn't be a bother for her," said Garcia.

Garcia is part of Cuba's so-called Generation Y, the thousands upon thousands of islanders born during the Cold War whose parents turned tradition on its ear by giving them invented monikers inspired by Russian names like Yevgeny, Yuri or Yulia. The phenomenon was so prevalent that dissident writer Yoani Sanchez chose "Generation Y" as the title of her well-known blog; her counterpart on the cyber-ideological battlefield is a pro-government blogger and tweeter who uses the handle Yohandry Fontana.

Yanitse Garcia and her daughter Olivia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than two decades after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Cubans are increasingly returning to more traditional handles for their kids, saying they believe it will better suit them personally and professionally when they grow up. Decades ago many Cuban parents named their kids after other family members or saints.

While there's no public data available, experts have noted a trend away from Y-based and other eccentric names in recent years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Orleans

Near theft of a top Banksy work

Neighbours foiled what police say was an attempt to steal a chunk of a wall bearing a painting by the British graffiti artist Banksy. The painting is the 'Umbrella Girl'. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VW Beetle

Bug found after 40 years

A man whose 1965 Volkswagen Beetle was stolen 40 years ago, and recovered in Detroit, says he never stopped grieving for the red convertible. It was found by border agents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Franny Beecher

Rock 'n' roll great dies at 92

Franny Beecher, lead guitarist for Bill Haley and the Comets, which helped kick off the rock 'n' roll era with the hit Rock Around the Clock in 1955, has died. He was 92. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California couple find rare coins worth $10M in their own backyard

Most profitable dog walk. Quiet couple's buried treasure could be the largest such discovery in U.S. history

A California couple out walking their dog stumbled across a modern-day bonanza: $10 million in rare, mint-condition gold coins buried in the shadow of an old tree.

Nearly all of the 1,427 coins, dating from 1847 to 1894, are in uncirculated, mint condition, said David Hall, co-founder of Professional Coin Grading Service of Santa Ana, which recently authenticated them.

Although the face value of the gold pieces only adds up to about $27,000, some of them are so rare that coin experts say they could fetch nearly $1 million apiece.

One of six decaying metal canisters filled with 1800s-era coins unearthed in California THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, a treasure like this, ever," said veteran numismatist Don Kagin, who is representing the finders. "It's like they found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Kagin would say little about the couple other than that they are husband and wife, are middle-aged and have lived for several years on the rural property where the coins were found. They have no idea who put them there, he said.

The pair are choosing to remain anonymous, Kagin said, in part to avoid a renewed gold rush to their property by modern-day prospectors armed with metal detectors.

They plan to put most of the coins up for sale through Amazon while holding onto a few keepsakes. They'll use the money to pay off bills and quietly donate to local charities, Kagin said.

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London High Court. Judge frees IRA man, cites secret letter promising no arrest

An Irish Republican Army veteran charged with the IRA killing of four soldiers in London's Hyde Park in 1982 has been freed from custody after a judge ruled that the British government misled the man into thinking he could travel to England without fear of arrest.

London High Court Justice Nigel Sweeney found that Britain's Northern Ireland Office in 2007 provided John Downey with a confidential document promising him he was not wanted for any outstanding IRA crimes.

The judge said Northern Ireland police knew that their London counterparts still wanted to arrest Downey and soon recognized the mistake in the government's letter to Downey, but failed to tell anyone to retract the letter.

He said the document encouraged Downey, who lives in the Republic of Ireland, to fly through London's Gatwick Airport, where he was arrested last year and charged with murder and other terror charges.

London police used fingerprint and witness evidence to identify Downey as an IRA member involved in the Hyde Park blast, when a nail bomb in a parked car exploded as ceremonial mounted troops passed, mortally wounding four soldiers and seven horses.

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Secret promises

Tuesday's judgment revealed a secret practice by Britain's previous government to provide letters promising safe passage home for scores of IRA members who remained fugitives from British justice, living for decades mostly in the Irish Republic.

- Until now, the public had been led to believe that IRA fugitives from justice remained on the British wanted list.

Gay rights

Arizona governor will ponder bill veto

Gov. Jan Brewer returned to Arizona Tuesday to face a pressing decision about a bill that has prompted a national debate over religious and gay rights.

The Arizona Legislature passed a bill last week allowing businesses whose owners cite sincerely held religious beliefs to deny service to gays. It allows any business, church or person to cite the law as a defence in any action brought by the government or individual claiming discrimination.

Brewer will likely spend the day or longer pondering Senate Bill 1062 before deciding whether to sign or veto it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Discrimination

"We must be suspicious of legal classifications based solely on sexual orientation."

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, on why state attorneys general aren't obligated to defend laws in their states banning same-sex marriage if the laws discriminate in a way forbidden by the constitution.

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Bitcoin traders brought to knees

Tokyo. Following news of Mt. Gox vanishing, the cybercurrency fell below $500 US, from a high of $1,200 US

Bitcoin trader Kolin Burgess, right, of London, and American Aaron (only his first name was given) hold protest signs as they conduct a sit-in in front of the office tower housing Mt. Gox in Tokyo Tuesday. KAORI HITOMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the world's largest bitcoin exchanges has seemingly disappeared, delivering a severe blow to the virtual currency as it struggles to gain legitimacy.

A coalition of virtual currency companies said Tuesday that Tokyo-based Mt. Gox went under after secretly racking up catastrophic losses.

Mt. Gox's website was returning a blank page Tuesday. The disappearance of the site follows the resignation Sunday of Mt. Gox CEO Mark Karpeles from the board of the Bitcoin Foundation, a group seeking legitimacy for the exotic new form of money. The exchange had imposed a ban on withdrawals earlier this month.

Prominent supporters of bitcoin — including San Francisco-based wallet service Coinbase and Chinese exchange BTC China — sought to shore up confidence in the currency by saying Mt. Gox's collapse was an isolated case of mismanagement. They said it had abused users' trust, but did not offer details.

"As with any new industry, there are certain bad actors that need to be weeded out, and that is what we are seeing today," the statement said.

Since its creation in 2009, bitcoin has become popular among tech enthusiasts, libertarians and adventurous investors because it allows people to make one-to-one transactions, buy goods and services and exchange money across borders without involving banks, credit card issuers or other third parties. Criminals like bitcoin for the same reasons.

In December, the value of a single bitcoin hit an all-time high of $1,200 US. In the aftermath of the Mt. Gox collapse Tuesday, one bitcoin stood at around $470 US.

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Bitcoin Alliance of Canada

'Being your own bank' can be risky

The head of the Bitcoin Alliance of Canada says the collapse of a major currency exchange in Japan, following months of secret catastrophic losses, serves as a warning to those who buy and trade in the popular digital currency.

Anthony Di Iorio, the executive director at the non-profit organization, advises that the lesson to be learned is that large amounts of bitcoins should not be left on any exchange or service due to possible security risks.

"The great thing about bitcoin is that you can be your own bank and nobody has access to your funds," he said Tuesday.

"But if you are putting them in an exchange, and you're buying and selling, you have to have them stored there at least for a small amount of time."

The risk with leaving money languishing with a third-party is that if the site shuts down, the investment can be gone with it.

That appears to be what happened at the Tokyo-based Mt. Gox where it's estimated as many as 740,000 bitcoins are missing, roughly translating to hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of losses.

Some viewed the troubles with Mt. Gox as the beginning of the end for the popular digital currency.

Lisa Kramer, an associate finance professor in Toronto, said the shut down is not a surprise because Mt. Gox has been dealing with serious security issues for several months, including users recently being banned from making withdrawals. "Bitcoin has been operating in limbo for some time. The writing has been on the wall," said Kramer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bzzz. Uncle Sam spending $3M to feed honeybees

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will spend millions of dollars to help farmers and ranchers improve pastures in five Midwestern states to provide food for struggling honeybees under a program to be announced Tuesday.

Commercial honeybees pollinate an estimated $15 billion US worth of produce each year. Many beekeepers bring hives to the Upper Midwest in the summer for bees to gather nectar and pollen for food, then truck them in the spring to California and other states to pollinate everything from almonds to apples to avocados. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new U.S. program aims to ensure honeybees have enough pollen and nectar to snack on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rights. LinkedIn grapples with censorship in China

LinkedIn is launching its site in simplified Chinese, the written characters used on the mainland, as it works to expand in the country with the world's largest Internet population.

The professional networking service hopes to broaden its reach in the country with more than 140 million professionals, 4 million of whom use LinkedIn. Until now, the site in China was in English only.

LinkedIn Corp. acknowledges that expanding in China raises "difficult questions" because it will be required to censor content. It says it will be clear about how it conducts business in China and undertake "extensive measures" to protect members' rights and data.

Two-thirds of LinkedIn's 277 million users are outside of the U.S.

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Adding 800 stores

Timmies brews up plan to slam rivals

Tim Hortons Inc. is planning a flurry of changes to its operations, including healthier food choices and the addition of 800 new stores over the next several years as it looks to maintain its edge in an increasingly competitive market.

Chief executive Marc Caira, who took the helm of the popular coffee and doughnut chain eight months ago, said "the plan is aggressive but very achievable."

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LET IT BE OR MAKE IT BETTER?

JUST SAYIN'

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Thanks to sites like BuzzFeed, this is the Golden Age of Wasting Time.

And one of the best ways to waste time, wherever you are, whatever you're supposed to be doing, is the Identity Quiz.

You know? If you were a sandwich, what kind of sandwich would you be? Turns out I'm a ham sandwich, but you knew that.

As you launch your identity quest, be warned there are millions of these things. There are even millions of What Kind of Sandwich Am I? quizzes.

So we need a hook, and what better than this: It is the 50th anniversary of the English Invasion this month, starting with the night the Beatles appeared on the Ed Sullivan show and launched a rock revolution.

Of course, to celebrate the Fab Four moment, there's a quiz on BuzzFeed which allows you to find out which Beatle you are: the Popular (if a little square) Paul, the Genius John, the Spiritual George, and the Affable (if a little goofy) Ringo.

Like all great time wasters, the quiz is fun to do. You start by choosing your favourite psychedelic pattern, and go from there.

The quiz wants to know if you'd rather sing "oo-bla-di-bla-da" or "beep beep yeah!"

It wants to know if you think you should take a sad song and make it better. Or let it be.

The quiz asks you to choose your fave from a gallery of foxy '60s ladies (the Beatles and the boys of BuzzFeed are pre-feminist, apparently).

Finally it asks how you're feeling about love right now: All you need is love? Or can't buy me love?

By now you've figured out that this quiz (except for the foxy ladies) is based on Beatles' lyrics.

So it helps, if like me, you've spent a lifetime trying to get Yellow Submarine out of your head.

But as the Beatles have sold more records, had more No. 1 hits, and have been covered by more artists than any group in history, it's a safe bet you know John, Paul, George and Ringo maybe better than you know yourself.

So now that you've rushed to BuzzFeed to take the quiz, welcome back. Who are you?

If you're me, you're a late-'60s version of John Lennon, which is not what I expected but it's better than being an '80s version of John Lennon.

And I'm kinda relieved I'm not Ringo. Although you'd have to argue that Ringo is certainly the luckiest Beatle. If he hadn't met John or Paul, he'd be driving a bus in Liverpool, like his dad.

And taking the quiz to find out what Beatle he would be: John, Paul, George, or ... Pete?

ZOOM

Still cute with ears cut

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Puppy love at former bin Laden base

Sgt. Kevin Ingram from Wheeling, West Virginia with the U.S. Army's 4th squadron 2d Cavalry Regiment comforts a puppy that had its ears cut off while visiting an Afghan National Police (ANP) outpost that was once home to Osama bin Laden during a patrol on Tuesday near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Ears are often removed from puppies to prepare them to become fighting dogs.

Ingram's squadron is responsible for defending Kandahar Airfield against rocket attacks from insurgents. GETTY IMAGES

Also in Afghanistan

- A few years ago, an abandoned puppy was befriended by Navy reservist Mark Feffer, who wanted to adopt her. At the end of his tour he discovered she was lost, but a rescue mission reunited them.
- A British marine found a dog in 2010 with his ears and tail cut off. Once he told his sister the dog would be shot once he left Afghanistan, she set up a campaign to bring the dog to Britain.

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Leaving your fate in the hands or the stars — or the astrologers who read the stars — might help you deal with your high school crush, but for real-world relationship woes, financial burdens or career concerns, you're going to need something a little more scientific. And what could be more solid than fortune teller, tarot card and magic eight ball apps.

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@metropicks asked: Actor/writer/director Harold Ramis has died. What's your favourite Harold Ramis work?

@thechipfactor: "what happened to your Sargent? He got blowed up sir!" Best quote from any Harold Ramis film. He will be missed.

@DerchanskyLegal: definitely remember his work on #SCTV, but can't ignore his brilliance in #Caddyshack and #GroundhogDay

@Chriosania: Ghostbusters...but Stripes is a VERY close second

@starrydays17: the original Ghostbusters movie!

@BulliesFan27: Gotta be Stripes. That's the fact Jack! #RIPHaroldRamis

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Neeson Taken with being Non-Stop man of action

Fighting Irish. Actor with serious chops embraces unexpected butt-kicking roles

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Liam Neeson is an air marshal hunting an in-flight killer in the thriller Non-Stop. CONTRIBUTED

Much of the fun of 2008's Taken was watching beloved thespian Liam Neeson go all Chuck Norris in a dirty little Euro trash thriller.

In the action-adventure movie, Neeson played a former "preventer" for the U.S. government. A specialist in black ops, he was an undercover agent who contained volatile situations before they got out of control. Retired, he lived in Los Angeles near his estranged 17-year-old daughter Kim (Maggie Grace). When she is kidnapped by a child slavery ring, he has only 96 hours to use his particular set of skills to get her back. His rescue mission takes him on a wild rampage through the soft underbelly of Paris. "I'll tear down the Eiffel Tower if I have to," he says.

It's a down-and-dirty little flick, classed up somewhat by the presence of Neeson in the lead role and it became an unexpected lightening-in-a-bottle hit. It also redefined Neeson's recent career.

At an age when many actors are staring down the barrel of character parts and cameos, the 61-year-old has made an unlikely U-turn into action movies. "I was a tiny bit embarrassed by it," he says of Taken, "but then people started sending me action scripts."

Cast in the shame mould

"I was a tiny bit embarrassed by it [Taken], but then people started sending me action scripts."
Liam Neeson

His latest actioner is Non-Stop, a high-flying thriller that takes place on an international crossing from New York to London. Neeson is an air marshal who must prevent a crazed killer from murdering passengers in flight.

Taken and Taken 2 (which were essentially the same movie) worked not just because the action sequences were out of control, but because audiences had some empathy for Neeson's character as he kicked butt across Europe. It was a personal mission: He was trying to get his daughter back.

Action movies like Wrath of the Titans, The Grey and Unknown may not burnish Neeson's rep as a great actor, but when asked why he keeps making these kinds of movies, he has a solid reason: "Because they're dumb enough to offer them to me!"

Wham! Bam!

Arguably best known for his Best Actor Oscar nomination as the charismatic but humble German businessman Oskar Schindler in Schindler's List, the Irish actor has fully embraced his new career path.

- Vanity Fair even acknowledged the twist in an article called, Wham! Bam! Thank You, Liam!

Beck's new album not just a Morning Phase

Beck Hansen really doesn't believe a musician has the right to complain. It's something of an occupational requirement.

"Nobody wants to hear it," he says. "That's not what we're here for. We're here to play music and have a good time."

So it may come as a surprise to many fans that Hansen suffered a spinal injury that kept him from making music in the usual ways for a significant portion of the last decade. He doesn't talk about it a lot and certainly doesn't want to dwell. He found other ways to create as a producer and songwriter during this period, but he will admit he feels a great sense of release now that he's putting out Morning Phase, just the second album he's completed and released in the last 10 years.

"I was just waiting until I felt like I was able to do what I used to do," the 43-year-old Hansen said. "It was a difficult experience, but in any kind of difficulty there are positives. And I think that's particularly what the record is about: How to come out of some sort of travail and difficulty and find some sense of light again and life continuing. Once you've seen some things that are darker and you know that darkness is there, how do you embrace the other side of life?"

Beck's embracing it with a period of great creativity and will soon return to the studio to record a second album he plans to release later this year. At times while injured he was unable to hold conventional instruments, turning to substitutes, like a hand-held keyboard to write and record. He's returned to live performance over the last few years and feels he's been transformed by the experience in ways he struggles to explain, as much metaphysical as physical.

"There's a point where a kind of pessimistic view can take hold and be a means of survival," Hansen said. "This record in some sense was grappling with that and taking a long hard look at everything and trying to find something redemptive."

He's been left with a newfound sense of patience, he says, and the simple act of putting out an album brings him great joy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beck KATY WINN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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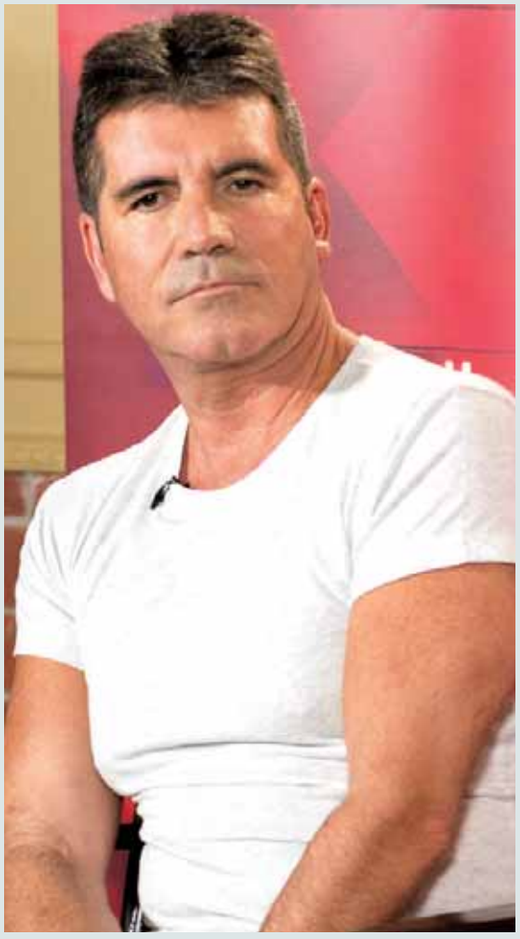

Cowell gets a taste of his own negative medicine

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Simon Cowell is learning firsthand just how hard it is to parent in the public eye.

After photos surfaced of Cowell holding 10-day-old son Eric on a Miami beach on Monday, mommy bloggers around the world spit out their placenta smoothies to go on the attack over his bad parenting.

"The sun? Simon, babies' skin is like parchment paper this young.... That kid is gonna look 45 when he's a teen," mommy blog The Stir chastised.

In regards to the photos and the fact that Eric flew in a plane (most doctors recommend no air travel until at least three months old because of air pressure concerns), a commentator on another site said, "I know I was told no flying or sun exposure until they were at least six months old. I guess these two are just idiots that ignore what a Dr. tells you."

To be fair, the photos show that Cowell and co. hid out most of the time underneath a shade and Eric did don a cap. As for me, I'm more aghast at poor baby Eric getting a mouthful of Cowell's chest hair than him being on the beach.

Jennifer Lawrence ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Jennifer Lawrence is on a hot streak, but everyone keeps spoiling her endings

Jennifer Lawrence just can't win. Last month, the Hunger Games star had Homeland spoiled for her by an overeager red carpet interviewer before she'd had a chance to see all the episodes.

And now her American Hustle director, David O. Russell, reveals that while they were filming Silver Linings Playbook he gleefully spoiled one of the greatest novels of all time for her. "She's walking around the set all the time reading the Tolstoy novel Anna Karenina, which is like a phone book," he tells the Hollywood Reporter. "I was just impressed that this 20-year-old girl reading Anna Karenina is from Kentucky, likes to eat junk food and watch Real Housewives of Long Island. She's a down-home girl and she's reading this book. I love it.

"So I go, 'Have you gotten to the part where she throws herself under the train tracks?' And she goes, 'What?'" he remembers. "And she walks away from me sobbing."

Don't choke on your own tongue, Miley

Time to slow down with those Miley Cyrus in Peter Pan rumours, Star magazine. A recent report in the tabloid suggested in an article titled "Just call her Twerker Bell" that the singer was eyeing the role of Tinker Bell in NBC's upcoming live broadcast of the musical, claiming it is her "dream role."

Cyrus took to Twitter to refute the claim, posting a photo of the offending article along with the comment, "I would rather choke on my own tongue." And we all know how fond she is of her tongue.

Miley Cyrus

Late-night host Jimmy Kimmel and wife Molly expecting their first child

Jimmy Fallon may be the late night host with a new show, but Jimmy Kimmel has reason to celebrate too. Kimmel and his wife Molly McNearney are expecting their first child together, his representative Lewis Kay has confirmed.

The TV personality first made the announcement during a taping of The Ellen DeGeneres Show, which will air Wednesday.

The 46-year-old Kimmel already has two children, a 20-year-old son and a 22-year-old daughter, from a previous marriage.

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Twitter

@ForestWhitaker
'It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.' - Moliere

@idinamenzel
I heard myself on kiss fm today. I almost cried. For years I've been trying to get them to play my music.

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An island of one's own

Caribbean craving? There are plenty of destinations to choose from in the warm southern seas — here's a rundown of some of the best

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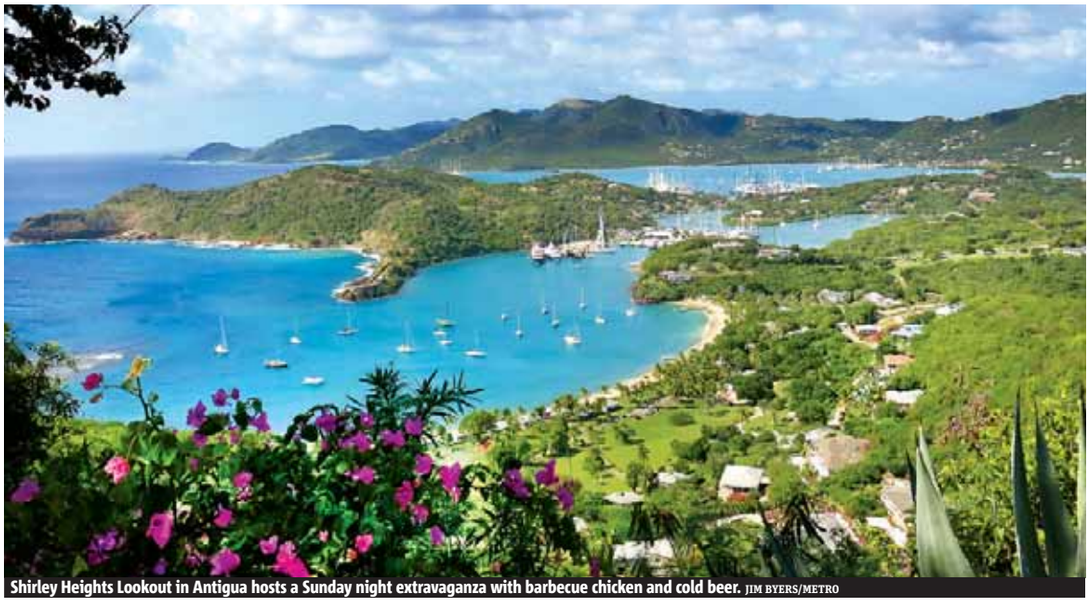

Shirley Heights Lookout in Antigua hosts a Sunday night extravaganza with barbecue chicken and cold beer. JIM BYERS/METRO

It's still high season in the Caribbean. And high time you ventured south for a bit of sun and sand. But where to go? There's a Caribbean island for every kind of traveller, and the choices can be overwhelming. So here's a look at a few personal favourites that might fit your style.

For the swimmer-diver:
There's awesome swimming to be found off the coast of Negril, Jamaica. Down at Rick's Café, you can watch hugely talented local kids do wild, somersaulting dives off rocky cliffs into impossibly blue water. You can't get quite as high as they do, but there are places near the bar where you can do a perfect cannonball — or, more likely, a face plant — yourself. Small boats out of Negril often weigh anchor just offshore, allowing patrons to swim in some of the prettiest water the world has to offer. Alternative: Check out the cool bars and the swim scene at Orient Beach on St. Martin. It's clothing optional. But, like many places, some of the folks who doff their clothes are people who really should stay perched at the bar. In long pants. And a hoodie.

For the snorkel, scuba fan:
The U.S. Virgin Islands doesn't get the same attention from Canadians as some parts of the Caribbean. But there are glorious beaches to be found and wonderful water sports. At Trunk Bay on quiet St. John, which might be the prettiest beach on the planet, you can swim near offshore islands and follow an underwater trail. There's a similar trail near Buck Island, a short boat ride off St. Croix, where you'll also find a glistening white sand beach and hardly any people. Alternative: St. Lucia's Sugar Beach, nestled between the two giant rock pillars known as the Pitons, has one of the finest reefs in the Caribbean.

For the luxury lover:
Sandy Lane on the west coast of Barbados is a stunner. There are free-form pools, private villas, one of the Caribbean's top spas and sumptuous dining on offer. This area also is home to the wonderful Green Monkey golf course. Tiger Woods married Elin Nordegren here, not that that ended so well. Alternative: Amanyara is a quiet spot on a lovely stretch of sand in the Turks and Caicos, far from the crowds of Provo. Fabulous Asian-inspired food.

For the drinker:
What, you thought we forgot about bar hopping? One of the most famous imbibing spots on the planet is at Shirley Heights Lookout in Antigua, where they do a Sunday night extravaganza with plenty of cold beer, barbecue chicken and live music. Great sunsets and parties that last long into the night. It's also a stunning spot during daylight hours, with spectacular views of the island's green hills and perfect blue waters and boats bobbing in the bays below. Possibly the best vista in the Caribbean. Alternative: Sunshine's is a colourful, seaside bar on the west coast of Nevis, part of St. Kitts and Nevis. Try the local cocktail, the Killer Bee, and look for the photo of Wayne Gretzky.

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Citrus, chocolate, cardamom: The trio of tasty baking

This recipe makes 12 muffins. EMILY RICHARDS

Orange Cardamom Bran Muffins. Balance the tart-sweet flavours of orange with bittersweet chocolate

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With little chocolate surprises throughout these muffins, each bite will be different.

Fresh, bright orange flavour and colour burst through, making them attractive and tasty. Use a navel orange, which has no seeds and is very juicy.

This is a great muffin to make with the kids to show them how you can use the whole fruit. My kids always get a kick out of adding the pieces to the food processor, it's a whole new kind of fun in the kitchen.

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From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, bran, baking powder, soda and cardamom; set aside.

2. Cut orange into quarters. Place in food processor bowl and pulse until finely chopped, almost pureed. Scrape down sides and add milk, orange juice, brown sugar, butter, egg and vanilla and puree until combined. Fold in chocolate.

3. Pour orange mixture over flour mixture and stir until combined. Divide batter among 12 lined or greased muffin cups. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 20 minutes or until they're golden brown and firm to the touch.

Cooking tips

- Look for dark chocolate or bittersweet chocolate chips or pastilles in grocery or bulk food stores with the percentage of cocoa right on the label. The higher the number, the darker and deeper the flavour of the chocolate.
- Wrap muffins individually and freeze for up to two weeks. Thaw at room temperature or in the microwave.
- If you don't use whole wheat flour often, be sure to freeze it so it doesn't go rancid on you. Other whole grain flours should be stored the same way if they are not used frequently. The freezer is a great place to store your nuts and seeds as well. Let them come to room temperature before using.

Ingredients

- 2 cups (500 ml) whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) wheat bran
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) baking soda
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 navel orange, unpeeled and washed well
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) milk
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) orange juice
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) butter, softened
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) vanilla
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped bittersweet chocolate, at least 60% cocoa

Wrap up breakfast in a burrito

With a few quick chops and stirs, this hearty breakfast is great for a small family on the run.

Stir it together the night before and refrigerate it so that all you have to do is pop it in the microwave in the morning and fill the tortillas!

This is also delicious served up on English muffins or pita pocket halves.

Sneak in a few extra veggies if you can.

1. In shallow bowl, using potato masher, mash the cooked canned navy beans until they are fairly smooth. Stir in egg and salsa or diced tomato until combined. Microwave on High and cook for 1 minute.

2. Stir in bell pepper, green onions, fresh chopped coriander and hot pepper sauce.

3. Microwave the mixture on High for about 1 minute or until hot.

4. Stir everything well to combine and divide in centre of each tortilla and roll up to enjoy.

EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked canned navy beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 egg
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) diced tomato or salsa
- Half small red or green bell pepper, diced
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh coriander (optional)
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- 3 small whole grain tortillas (about 18 cm/7 inches)

This recipe makes three servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Curiosity caught that cat a career

I spy a perfect profession. Do you have what it takes to be a private investigator?

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Do you love watching CSI? Have you ever embarked on your own private mission to secretly spy on someone or gather solid evidence to solve a case? Maybe you just love to read mystery novels. If you have a passion for investigating, you could consider making it into a professional career.

Here's an introduction to exactly what private investigators do, the professional courses and licensing required and some programs offered here in Canada that you might just want to check out ... or investigate.

What a PI does

As the name suggests, a PI investigates cases for private clients — either individuals, or corporate firms such as insurance companies.

It is very important that the PI abide by the law at all times, which means not obtaining information illegally via means such as trespassing or wiretapping.

PIs are very experienced at conducting database searches — they often have access to databases not available to the public — questioning suspects and witnesses, as well as trailing.

Types of cases

As with many other occupations, you can choose to specialize. Based on your interests, here are some types of work that you may wish to specialize in as a PI:

- Fraudulent insurance claims
- Threatening emails or stalkers
- Investigating theft cases or robberies
- Suspicions of infidelity between couples
- Missing persons cases

It appears you may just be the perfect fit for this field. ISTOCK

Salary expectations

According to payscale.com, a Private Detective or Investigator in Canada earns an average wage of $20.40 per hour.

Keep in mind that your income will depend on the difficulty and type of case you are on, who your client is, as well as other factors such as the amount of experience you have or the amount of travel time required for the job.

PIs generally charge their own rates, so income figures may vary.

What you need to do to become a PI

1) Enroll in class
First, you need to enroll in a private investigator training course. The course must be approved by the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

2) Write the licensing exam
After you have successfully completed the private investigator training course, you will then qualify to sit for the Ontario private investigator licence exam using the training completion number that you will have received from your training class. After you have written the exam, it generally takes about five business days to receive your exam results.

3) Apply for your licence
Once you pass the licensing exam, you will be able to apply for your licence. You will be required to complete an application form and provide passport-size photographs to the Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, which will process your application and issue a licence. Applications are accepted both online and via mail.

These are the plain facts. Are you on the case?

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Related resources

Online study program:
- ICS Canada: This is an online program for those who would like to learn at their own pace from the comfort of home. The program offers eight instruction sets on various topics including law, communication strategies, investigation and reporting, lie detection, fingerprinting and much more.

Special Institutions and Bodies in Canada:
- Canadian Association of Private Investigators (CAPI): The Association was established in order to promote the industry, provide useful information and services to its registered members, to identify and address areas of concern at all levels of government, and to be the official voice of private investigators in Canada.

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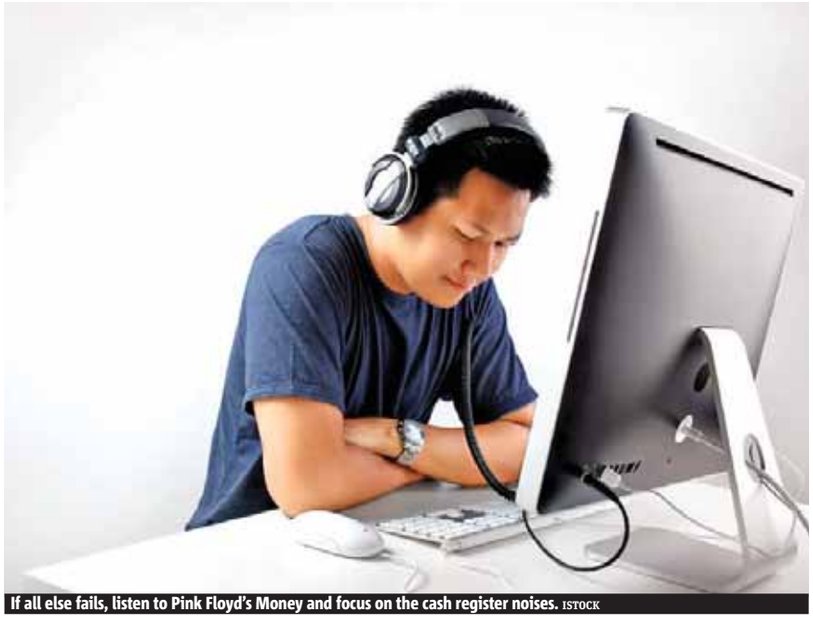
If all else fails, listen to Pink Floyd's Money and focus on the cash register noises. ISTOCK

Every now and then you may find it difficult to bring the necessary quantity of pep and verve to your workday.

Whether your sub-par performance stems from illness or indulgence, you'll probably find yourself turning to music to get back into the swing of things — after coffee, of course.

While everyone has different musical tastes, this work-related group of songs should help you get through your day as smoothly as possible.

8:00 a.m.

9 To 5 – Dolly Parton

"Tumble outta bed / And stumble to the kitchen / Pour myself a cup of ambition"

Even if the title of Dolly Parton's gold single doesn't coincide with your work schedule, this hit from 1980 will help you kick-start your day. As an added bonus, this song will instantly make any commute feel like a montage — doubly so on public transit.

9:01 a.m.

Manic Monday – The Bangles

"It's just another manic Monday / I wish it was Sunday / 'Cause that's my funday / My I don't-have-to-run-day"

You may be one of the unhappy people who dread Monday as the start of the workweek.

This pop staple, written by Prince, of all people, tells the story of someone who knows exactly how you feel. This one is best enjoyed as background music while you settle down at your desk and plan your day.

Enjoy the increasingly creative attempts to rhyme with Monday.

10:35 a.m.

Bang The Drum All Day – Todd Rundgren

"I don't want to work / I just want to bang on the drum all day"

Like the average workday, this song can be a little repetitive at times, but it's also uplifting.

In Rundgren's self-defeating hedonism, you'll find a gentle reminder that you can't have fun all the time, or fun would lose its meaning.

There's a 50 per cent chance the chorus will get stuck in your head. You've been warned.

1:22 p.m.

Working For The Weekend – Loverboy

"Everyone's looking to see if it was you / Everyone wants you to come through"

If the title doesn't jog your memory, a few seconds of listening will. This number has been in a number of advertisements, TV shows, movies and video games.

This song's lyrics do an excellent job reminding you that all the responsibility is on your shoulders, while reinforcing that there's always a light at the end of the tunnel.

Get ready to power through the afternoon.

3:24 p.m.

Get Up Offa That Thing – James Brown

(Every other line in this song is "get up offa that thing." It's topical.)

There's a good chance your job or job hunt has you sitting in front of a computer for hours at a time, which isn't good for your health. At the risk of being rude and overly familiar, that thing you're sitting on? Get up off of it. Seriously.

I'm not allowed to dance without warning my co-workers in advance, but even I danced while writing about this song.

4:52 p.m.

Working Man – Rush

"(Extended instrumental break with your best vocal impression of a guitar solo)"

My understanding of Rush fans is that they rarely need a reason to listen to more Rush, so I only need to sell this to the rest of you.

For your own safety, I wouldn't recommend listening to this while you're typing.

Save this electrifying number for packing up at the end of the day — don't resist the urge to drum on the stacks of paper surrounding you.

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Rest is over, bring on the rest of the season

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Sweden's Erik Karlsson, pictured, and Milan Michalek of the Czech Republic were the only Senators to travel to Sochi.
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The bell has rung and recess is over for the Ottawa Senators. When play resumes this week, the club finds itself one point out of a playoff spot with 23 games remaining. The Senators sit in a group of 10 teams separated by nine points. Only half of these contenders will have their post-season tickets punched.

There are several factors favouring the Senators in their quest:

Post-Olympic blahs — Many clubs are worried about an Olympic hangover. Not the Senators. With only Erik Karlsson and Milan Michalek playing in the Games, the team had the fewest participants of any Eastern Conference team in Sochi. The break gave players plenty of time to recharge their batteries while two Senators, Cory Conacher and Bobby Ryan, proposed to their long-time girlfriends.

With a majority of the roster intact, a full week of practice is beneficial due to few off-days in what's left of a condensed schedule. MacLean will monitor Karlsson's ice-time Thursday, but the silver medallist should be raring to go with four games in seven nights the following week.

Marching to the finish — The Senators first game off the hop is versus the Red Wings, whom they trail by a point. With nine players in Sochi, (see: Olympic hangover) and playing the second game of a back-to-back, the Red Wings should be easy pickings. However, ex-captain Daniel Alfredsson, in what is likely his last visit to CTC, may have something to say about that.

The Senators play 11 of their final 18 games on home-ice following next week's four-game Western Canada sojourn, which includes Sunday's Heritage Classic at BC Place. The team is 5-1-1 in their friendly confines since Christmas.

In terms of remaining opponents, according to playoffstatus.com the Senators have the second-lightest schedule among the teams fighting for five berths. Bear in mind, the Canadiens, Capitals and Maple Leafs haven't yet travelled to California.

Knock on wood — As opposed to last season, the Senators are injury-free. Among contending teams, the Blue Jackets lost stalwart defender Fedor Tyutin, the Rangers are missing key scorer Mats Zuccarello, while the Wings lost Henrik Zetterberg for the season with a herniated disc.

General manager Bryan Murray is also continuing his search for a bona fide scorer. If Murray plucks a top-six forward prior to the March 5 trade deadline, the Senators playoff chances rise exponentially.

MLB

Area arm Bedard given shot with Tampa Bay Rays

Navan's Erik Bedard is excited about the prospect of helping the Tampa Bay Rays get back to the playoffs.

The 34-year-old left-hander signed a minor league contract on the eve of the start of spring training and is being given an opportunity to compete for a job as the team's No. 5 starter.

Bedard struggled the past two seasons, going 11-26 with a combined 4.78 ERA for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Houston Astros. The Rays will decide over the next few weeks if he's capable of filling in for the injured Jeremy Hellickson, who's expected to miss the first six to eight weeks of the season after undergoing elbow surgery.

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Sochi Olympics

TV ratings down from 2010 Games

The Olympic motto may be "faster, higher, stronger" but it doesn't apply to the Canadian TV ratings for the Sochi Winter Games.

As expected — given the time difference and lack of home-field advantage — TV viewership in Canada was down from four years ago when Vancouver hosted the Winter Games.

Daily average audiences exceeded four million viewers many days during the CTV consortium's Vancouver coverage. CBC had days during these Games where the average TV audience hovered closer to 1.5 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. Knicks point guard arraigned on 2 weapons possession charges

New York Knicks point guard Raymond Felton has been arraigned on two weapons possession charges after a lawyer for his wife turned in a loaded semi-automatic handgun to a Manhattan precinct.

Felton did not enter a plea in Manhattan Criminal Court on Tuesday following his early morning arrest at a station-house. He was released on $25,000 bail.

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Raymond Felton appears in criminal court on Tuesday in New York.
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NBA

"There's only so many ways you can talk about off-court stuff until really the focus is on basketball and how the team is doing."

Brooklyn Nets centre Jason Collins, the first openly gay player in NBA history, says it's up to the media to decide when the story becomes more about him just being a basketball player.

NHL. Tavares doesn't regret playing in Sochi

John Tavares' opinion on NHL players participating in the Olympic Games hasn't changed even though his New York Islanders' season ended on the other side of the world while he was wearing the colours of Canada.

"It's obviously a tough situation," the injured Islanders captain said Tuesday following his return from the Sochi Games. "I certainly love playing for my country, and if I got the call again, I would."

The 23-year-old Tavares tore the MCL and meniscus in his left knee a week ago against Latvia. He missed the final two games of Canada's march to the gold medal.

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"With this game, there is always that risk any time you step on the ice — the possibility of injury." John Tavares

Following a relatively quiet off-season, Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos appears content to gamble that with better health, the group of players who won just 74 games a year ago will do better this year. But while the roster is familiar, several jobs remain up for grabs. Here's a look at five of the most contentious competitions.

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5 Blue Jays roles up for grabs

1 Fifth starter

Drew Hutchison pitched to a 3.32 ERA in 21.2 innings recently in the Arizona Fall League.

Frontrunner: Drew Hutchison
Contenders: Esmil Rogers, Todd Redmond, Dustin McGowan, Kyle Drabek, Ricky Romero, Marcus Stroman

You can pencil in the first four spots of the Jays' rotation with R.A. Dickey, Brandon Morrow, Mark Buehrle and J.A. Happ, but the last spot remains unclear and could potentially stay that way through most of the season. Anthopoulos has raved about Hutchison, who has missed most of the last two seasons, since watching him perform in the Arizona Fall League. Stroman, the Jays' most polished pitching prospect, is expected to make his big-league debut at some point this season.

2 Fourth outfielder

Frontrunner: Moises Sierra
Contenders: Anthony Gose, Kevin Pillar

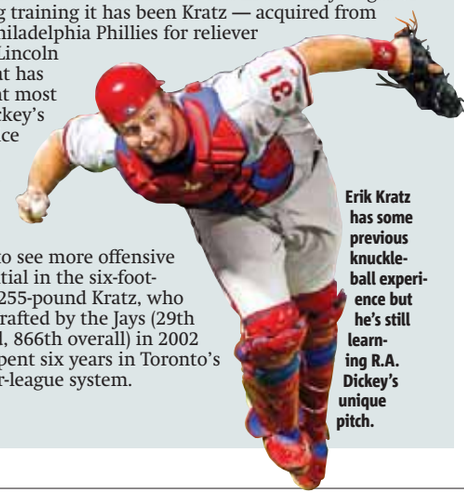
Anthony Gose has the greatest potential of all the organization's young outfield prospects, but he has yet to show he can hit consistently in the big leagues. He also can be optioned to the minors without clearing waivers. Sierra, meanwhile, is out of options. He's also right-handed (Gose is a lefty) and is currently the club's best option to platoon with the left-handed designated hitter, Adam Lind, who struggles to hit left-handed pitching. Sierra doesn't have near the upside of Gose, but he may be a better fit for the Jays' bench.

Moises Sierra batted .290 in 35 games with the Jays last season.

3 Backup catcher

Frontrunner: Erik Kratz
Contenders: Josh Thole

Prior to camp opening it looked as if the incumbent Thole had the inside track to continue as R.A. Dickey's personal knuckleball catcher. But in the early stages of spring training it has been Kratz — acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies for reliever Brad Lincoln — that has caught most of Dickey's practice sessions. The Jays appear to see more offensive potential in the six-foot-four, 255-pound Kratz, who was drafted by the Jays (29th round, 866th overall) in 2002 and spent six years in Toronto's minor-league system.

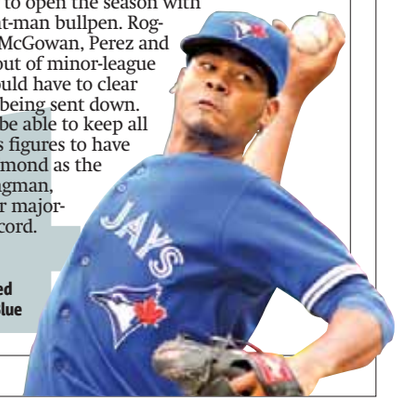


Erik Kratz has some previous knuckleball experience but he's still learning R.A. Dickey's unique pitch.

4 Long relief

Frontrunners: Esmil Rogers, Jeremy Jeffress
Contenders: Todd Redmond, Luis Perez, Neil Wagner, Chad Jenkins

The back end of the Jays' bullpen is largely settled with Casey Janssen, Sergio Santos, Steve Delabar and Brett Cecil considered locks. Lefty Aaron Loup and Dustin McGowan — assuming he doesn't nab the fifth starter's spot — are safe bets to join them. That leaves just one or two spots available, depending on whether the Jays choose to open the season with a seven- or eight-man bullpen. Rogers, Redmond, McGowan, Perez and Jeffress are all out of minor-league options and would have to clear waivers before being sent down. The Jays won't be able to keep all of them. Rogers figures to have an edge on Redmond as the long relief/swingman, given his longer major-league track record.



Esmil Rogers started 20 games for the Blue Jays last season.

5 Second base

Frontrunner: Ryan Goins
Contenders: Maicer Izturis, Chris Getz, Munenori Kawasaki

Aside from starting pitching, the Jays' most glaring weakness last season was at second base, where Izturis and Emilio Bonifacio combined to be among the league's worst offensive and defensive players at the position. Goins, a shortstop throughout his minor-league career, made his big-league debut in August and immediately impressed with his glove. But like a lot of young players, he struggled at the plate, posting a paltry .264 on-base percentage in 34 games.

GM Alex Anthopoulos sought to acquire a more established second baseman this off-season, but as it stands the job remains Ryan Goins' to lose.

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Subaru's WRX appeal

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Compact sedans appeal to a buyer's practical nature. But in the WRX's case, the appeal includes a lively powerplant, four-season driving competency plus sporty suspension and steering components that effectively manage the snakiest of paved and unpaved roadways.

Subaru has made a name for itself providing all-wheel-drive family transportation, but that's just part of the story. Its more competitive side includes the rear-wheel drive BRZ sports car and a couple of turbocharged WRX-branded models with rally-racing pedigrees that makes performance fans salivate.

The 2015 WRX that arrives this spring receives the all-new treatment, but in the process sheds its hatchback option. That's a bit surprising since hot hatches are seemingly all the rage, but since its major competitor, the Mitsubishi Evolution, is strictly sedan-only, Subaru appears to have concluded that a matching sedan is the way to fly.

The WRX has also jettisoned its Impreza tie-in. Henceforth the WRX and the more potent WRX STI offshoot that arrives in updated form later this year will be treated as stand-alone models. While not as eye-catching as the WRX Concept that was revealed at the 2013 New York Auto Show, the production version adopts the cleaner lines of the Impreza, especially from the windshield forward.

Overall, the WRX gains an inch between the front and rear wheels and rear-seat legroom is up by two inches. Additionally, wider-opening rear doors allow easier access to the split-folding rear seat, while trunk space has been modestly increased.

Subaru has done a great job with the WRX's interior accommodations. There's a meaty flat-bottom tilt and telescopic steering wheel that fronts dual gauge pods. They're separated by a small display screen with gear selection, oil and washer-fluid indicators. A larger dash-mounted screen is linked to the standard backup camera and displays turbocharger boost and traction and climate control info.

It's connected to a new six-speed manual transmission (a replacement for the previous five-speed gearbox), while a continuously variable unit (CVT) with paddle shifters is available. This option might surprise WRX fans, but the real surprise is how it mimics a traditional multi-speed automatic. The CVT has six built-in steps when the driver switches to either Intelligent or Sport mode from a steering-wheel-mounted switch. There are eight ratios when the Sport Sharp mode is selected.

The WRX's chassis is now 41 per cent stiffer, with front and rear springs and a front anti-roll bar that have been similarly beefed-up. Larger-diameter front disc brakes also provide greater stopping power. The standard all-wheel-drive has a torque split of 50:50, front to rear, for manual-transmission cars and a 45:55 for CVT versions. Depending on traction, up to 100 per cent of the power can be directed to either axle.

For an estimated base price of $34,500, the WRX comes with lots of gear, but moving up to the Sport Package adds a sunroof, trunk spoiler, LED headlights and an eight-way power driver's seat. The loaded WRX Sport-tech Package includes all of the above content plus keyless push-button start, touch-screen navigation and a 440-watt Harmon Kardon audio system.

The more sophisticated WRX continues on its path of refinement, backed by enough power and agility to keep all aboard amused and secure. What more could you want in a four-season sports car?

2015 Subaru WRX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC H4 (268)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable (CVT) opt.
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $34,500

Design

The bulging front and rear fenders, recessed hood-mounted air intake and optional rear spoiler (subtle when compared to the STI's massive wing) remain in evidence, but the whole package now appears better integrated with the rest of the body.

Engine

For 2015, a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine similar to that used in the Subaru Forester produces 268 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. That compares to the previous WRX's 265/244 numbers.

*Limited time 2.9% semi-monthly lease offered through Toyota Financial Services on approved credit to qualified retail customers on all new 2014 Corolla models. First semi-monthly payment due at lease inception and next semi-monthly payment due approximately 15 days later and semi-monthly thereafter throughout the term. Toyota Financial Services will waive the final semi-monthly payment. Semi-monthly lease offers not open to employees of Toyota Canada, Toyota Financial Services or TMMC/TMMC Vehicle Purchase Plan. Some conditions apply. See your Toyota dealer for complete details. Example (applies across Canada except Quebec): 2014 Corolla CE 6M with a vehicle price of $16,415 (includes $1,100 Toyota Canada Lease Assist, which is deducted from the negotiated selling price after taxes, and $1,520 freight/PDI) leased at 2.9% over 60 months with $0 down payment equals 120 semi-monthly payments of $89 with a cost of borrowing of $1,735.85 and a total obligation of $12,369.05. $0 security deposit and first semi-monthly payment due at lease inception. Price and total obligation exclude license, insurance, registration, fees and taxes. 100,000 km allowance for 60 months, with ability to purchase additional kilometres at $0.05/km at time of lease inception, and a charge of $0.07/km for excess kilometres. Dealer may lease for less. †Toyota semi-monthly lease program available on 48 month and 60 month terms. Toyota semi-monthly lease program based on 24 payments per year, on a 60-month lease, equals 120 payments, with the final 120th payment waived by Toyota Financial Services. Competitive bi-weekly lease programs based on 26 payments per year, on a 60-month lease, equals 130 payments.

Throw your leg over and try The Motorcycle Show

Sit on all the bikes. Except for the ultra fast and ultra rare models, visitors can fake two-wheeled thrills on any models in the exhibit.

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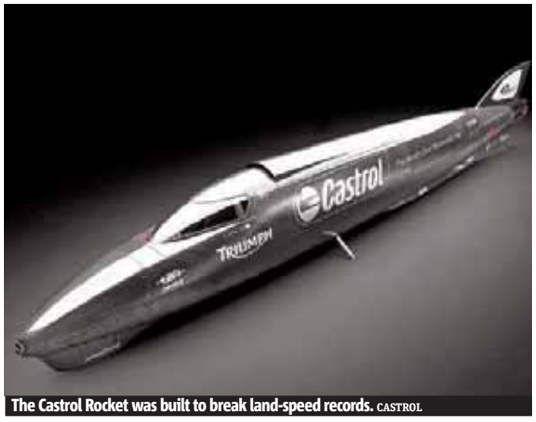

The Castrol Rocket was built to break land-speed records. CASTROL

The 2014 Indian Chief's leather fringed side bags say vintage all over. CONTRIBUTED

Not much motorcycling going on Canadian roads this winter, unless you're one of those hardy souls who ride year-round with no sense in your head and lots of long underwear swaddling your nether regions.

But there is lots of motorcycle action to be had indoors, such as in The Motorcycle Show (operated by Power Sport Services) crossing the country this winter. This past weekend the show touched down at Toronto's Direct Energy Centre, a newish venue, bigger and better than in previous bike shows, even though the hot dogs and pizza slices still cost eight bucks or so.

I love motorcycle shows almost more than automotive shows, mostly because of this fact: cars have adjustable seats and steering wheels and motorcycles don't. Consequently, motorcycles have to fit your body type and your preferred riding position before you could even consider anything else about it … And the only way to determine a good fit is to throw a leg over the bike and sit on it. A motorcycle show lets you do that over and over again, even if you're not in the market for anything and just doing it for curiosity sake. Way more entertaining than trying on jeans for example, and also less claustrophobic.

Of course there are always bikes on a show floor you can't sit on, because they're super special in some way, and the Toronto show had two such knockouts: the Triumph Streamliner called the Castrol Rocket and the century-old Indian Boardtrack Racer.

The Castrol Rocket is built to break the world land-speed record for motorcycles, currently set at 605 kilometres per hour. The goal of the Castrol Rocket is 643 km/h.

The 25-foot long "motorcycle" has Carbon Kevlar monocoque construction, and two turbocharged Triumph Rocket III engines running on methanol, for about 1,000 horsepower, give or take.

Even though quite a few motorcycles have been designed since 1913, many feel the Indian Boardtrack factory racer, circa 1913, to be one of the most beautiful and purist motorcycle designs ever conceived. I guess it helps when you don't have to put a lot of extraneous features on the bike, like rear suspension, a starter, lights … and brakes! These bikes really only have two controls, a spark advance and a kill switch.

These bikes are rare and incredibly valuable, but this particular one is even cooler, because it is an original, in unrestored condition and believed to be actually raced in Toronto back in the day, by legendary Canadian motorcycle board track and flat track racer, Harold Cole.

So the Castrol Rocket was the fastest bike at the show and the Indian was the oldest. Let's look at a couple of other categories you might be wondering about…

Frilliest? Probably the 2014 Indian Chief, by virtue of its totally vintage and outlandish leather-fringed side bags.

Most Frugal? Probably the new 2014 Honda Grom. Not only is it small, but the 125-cc powered bike is also a category buster. What is it? Big mini bike? Small motorcycle? Medium weight lifting equipment?

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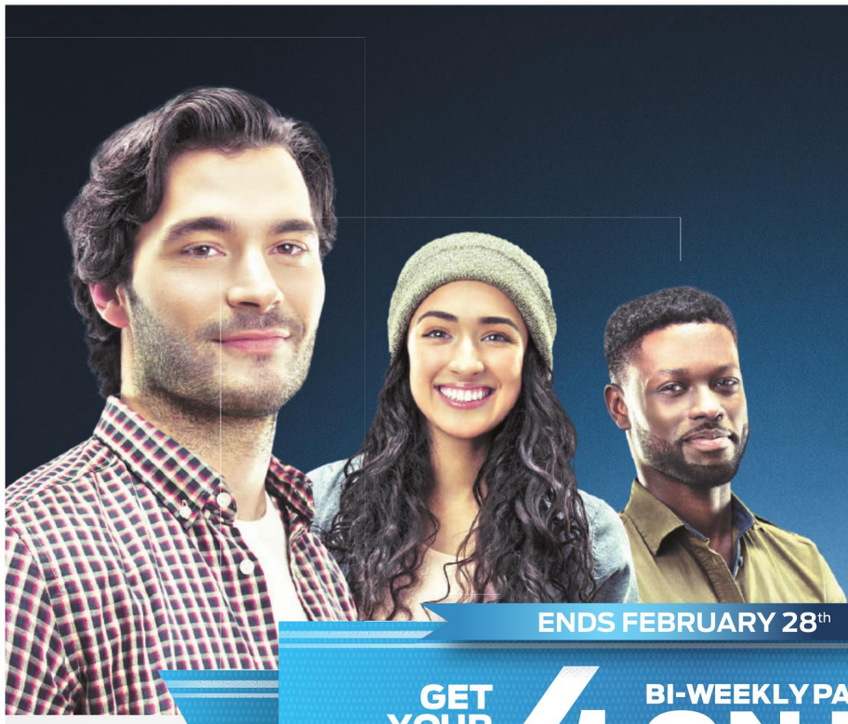

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I'm glad they don't make 'em like they used to

Driving Force. Yes, classic cars can be timeless and beautiful but don't forget how lucky we are that the automobile evolved ... no more crank starts!

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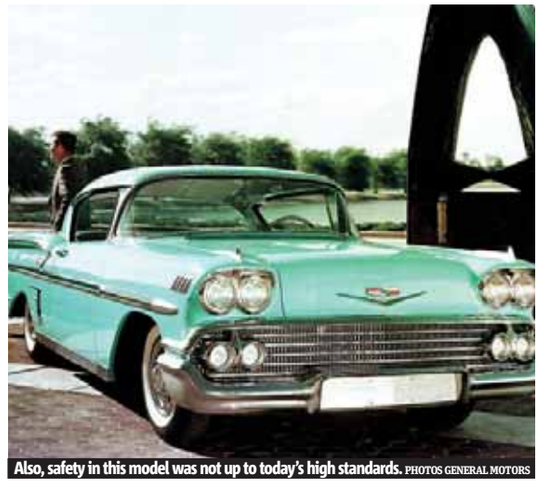
The 1958 Chevrolet Impala was aesthetically pleasing but steering and power lacked.



Also, safety in this model was not up to today's high standards. PHOTOS GENERAL MOTORS

You've probably heard someone say, "They don't make 'em like that anymore," when comparing old cars to new ones. But while cars certainly have changed, that's not really a bad thing.

"You can be nostalgic, but there were all sorts of compromises," says Richard Pickering, retired producer of the Signature Classics Collection at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. "Everything today, for all practical purposes, is better than it was back then."

The automobile's progress has always been an evolution, from cars that initially had to be cranked to start, to engines today that fire up almost instantly, thanks to computerized ignitions and fuel injection. Improvements in cooling systems have all but eliminated the overheated vehicles on the side of the road that used to be the norm in hot weather, while flat tires have become relatively rare due to better construction and rubber compounds.

Engines have also become far more efficient. In 1958, the first year of the Chevrolet Impala, you could order one with a 8-cylinder engine that made 250 horsepower, with fuel consumption of about 23 litres per 100 kilometres. A 2014 Impala gets 305 hp out of its V6 engine, and it's rated at 9.2 l/100 km. The new model also steers and handles better, has far better brakes, and considerably less body flex.

However, it's also pricier: when the 1958's price is converted to 2014 dollars, the new Impala costs about $12,000 more.

Perhaps the biggest change over the years has been in safety.

"Most people didn't have seatbelts, let alone use them," Pickering says. "You just had a bit of padding on the dash, a deep-dish steering wheel, and a collapsible steering column to keep it from being a spear."

In addition to anti-lock brakes, stability control and airbags, newer cars also have crumple zones, introduced by Mercedes-Benz in 1959. Some people complain that new cars fold up in a collision, unlike older cars that stay rigid, but it's a design that has helped to consistently lower the crash fatality rate, even though there are more cars on the road.

As a modern car's body progressively crumples, it absorbs and dissipates the crash energy. In older vehicles, the rigid body transferred that force to the occupants, slamming them into the interior components.

Old cars had a certain style, although the annual design changes on American cars meant there wasn't always time to get the fit-and-finish right. "The excessive use of chrome, the tail fins, catches our eyes today," Pickering says. "But what do I drive every day? It isn't a vintage car."

Interesting facts

- **Short warranties.** While some vehicles have a warranty for as long as five years or 100,000 km today, a typical 1940s warranty lasted only 90 days or 6,500 km.
- **False advertising.** Most old cars didn't actually make as much power as was advertised, due to the test standards at the time.
- **First self-starter.** The first gasoline car with a self-starter, which eliminated cranking the engine, was the 1912 Cadillac.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may be anxious to see progress but if you take a risk too many, you could take a rather big step in the wrong direction. If you do, there is no point rebuking yourself. It happens sometimes.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You seem to be putting off something you know you will enjoy. Whatever the reason, you need to get started on it soon. Don't worry that there may be an element of risk.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everyone at some time or another wishes they could go back and undo what they have done. With that in mind, don't be too hard on yourself if you realize you could have done more or done better.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Even the experts get it wrong and if your hunches tell you that someone in a position of influence does not know what they are talking about, then by all means ignore any advice they give you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful you don't get swept and end up doing things you might later regret. It's rarely a good idea to follow the herd and someone with your enquiring mind has no need to let others think for them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Patience is a must today because if you act impulsively you will lose out. You may be frustrated that something you are working on isn't progressing as quickly as you would like but what's the rush?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It would be nice if you could solve all the world's problems, but be realistic: You can't come close. What you can do is join with those who share your views and aim to change one specific thing for the better.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
There is a danger that what you say over the next 24 hours will be taken the wrong way and used against you in the future. Misunderstandings can be costly, so spell out what you mean in plain language.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you need help, speak up. You have helped others out so many times in the past that they will go out of their way to help you in return, but they can't do that unless they know you are hurting.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You don't mind taking chances but with Jupiter in your opposite sign at odds with Uranus, planet of the unexpected. Today, it might be better to play safe. There is no such thing as a sure thing.

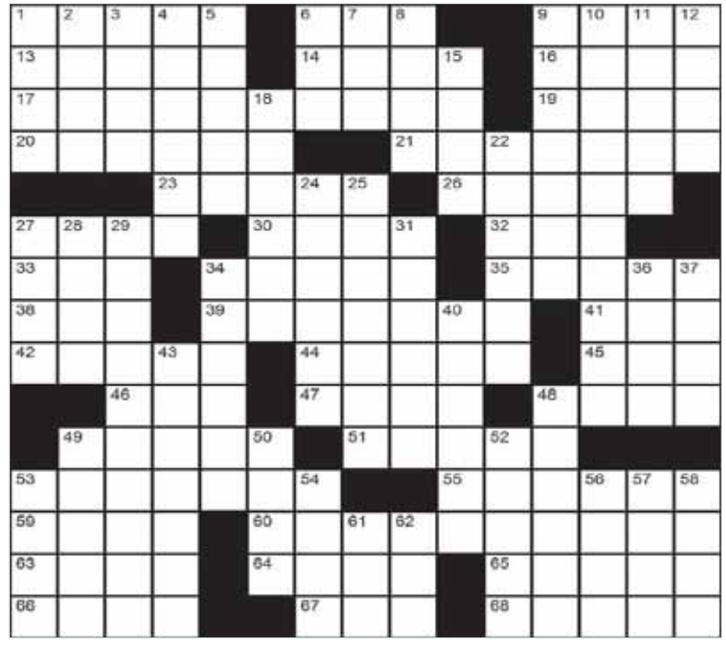
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You want to do something for people who are less well off than you. That's noble but don't throw money at the first good cause that comes along. Get involved in a project that will make a lasting difference.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
With Jupiter and Uranus at odds today, any decision you make is likely to have unforeseen consequences. Leave thing alone for the next 24 hours. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

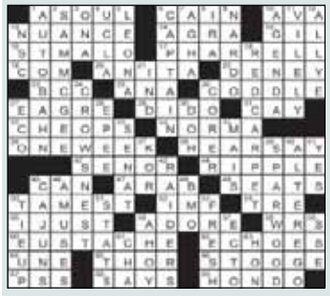
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Vancouver stadium, BC __
6. Conrad __ (Actor on Bravo's set-in-Montreal police drama "19-2")
9. Nunavut: King William Island settlement, __ Haven
13. U2's drummer
14. Verdi opera
16. 'Exfol' ending
17. Best Picture winner directed by Clint Eastwood
19. X-__ knife
20. Add earth again
21. Have, as pretzels: 2 wds.
23. Type of religious belief
26. Declares
27. Zigs pals
30. Catriona Le May __
32. US docs' org.
33. Bread's "Baby __-_ Want You"
34. Sierra __
35. "Royals" singer
38. __'easter
39. Chrysler Building's style: 2 wds.
41. Fresh
42. Certain chamber
44. __ __ stock (Was available)
45. Ms. Gabor
46. Gladiator's 151
47. European erupter
48. Press
49. West or East, in Canada
51. Footnote abbr. meaning 'and the following' in Latin: 2 wds.
53. Extinct culture of Newfoundland
55. "Downtown" singer Ms. Clark
59. Dog food brand
60. Adhesive kind: 2 wds.
63. Jazzy Ms. Laine
64. "Who knows?" = "Qui __?" en francais
65. "_ __ a Message" by INXS
66. 'Life Is Peachy' band
67. Bigger sizes, e.g.
68. __ humains (Human beings, in French)

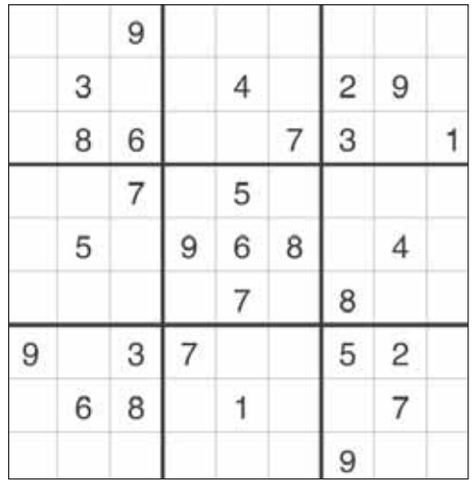
Down
1. Not singular [abbr.]
2. Street for Lois?
3. Pound sounds
4. 2014 Best Animated Feature nominee, "The __"
5. Hawk's habitation, variantly
6. Gambling game, __ Gow
7. Ms. Ullmann
8. Citrus coolers
9. Opera composer Mr. Puccini
10. Movie bigwig (b.1892 - d.1978) from London, ON who formed a still-existing-today movie studio with his brothers: 2 wds.
11. Mr. Preminger's 12. "__ Flux" (2005)
15. Ms. Faris
18. Sailplane
22. Newfoundland: __ Peninsula
24. Comfort
25. Authorization
27. Multivitamin mineral
28. Love: Spanish
29. "High Noon" (1952) star who won Best Actor: 2 wds.
31. "You __ bother."
34. On the tardy side
36. "Whip It" band
37. Mr. McGregor
40. The Company operative: acr. + wd.
43. Oliver Stone's Best Director war movie
48. Smartness meas.: 2 wds.
49. Stringed instrument
50. Wed's predecessor
52. Spooky
53. Not front
54. 2001 planetary Kevin Spacey flick
56. Addict
57. Queue
58. Ets equivalents
61. Lubricate
62. Cadillac's lettered sedan

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

6	4	8	7	9	2	5	3	1
1	5	3	6	8	4	7	9	2
9	2	7	1	5	3	6	8	4
5	1	4	8	3	7	2	6	9
3	6	9	2	4	5	8	1	7
7	8	2	9	6	1	3	4	5
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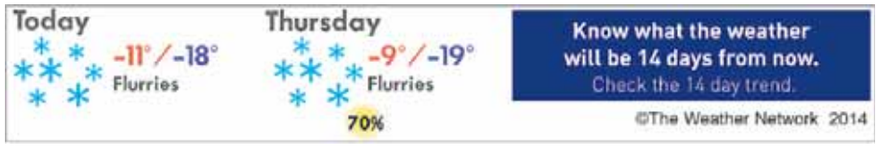

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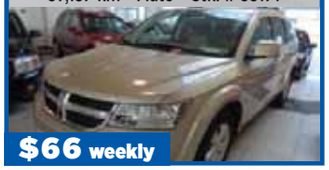
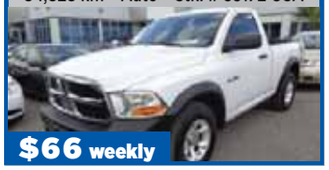
2010 Dodge Journey SXT
3.5L V6 cyl • $12,870
97,157 km • Auto • Stk: # 35171



$66 weekly

2010 Dodge Ram 1500
4.7L 8 cyl • $15,880
84,828 km • Auto • Stk: # 35172 USA



$66 weekly

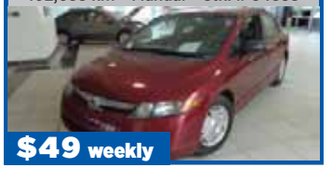
2013 Ford Escape ECOBOOST
4WD • NAV • 1.6L 4 cyl • $25,940
38,037 km • Auto • Stk: # 34877

$107 weekly

2012 Ford Fiesta SE
Sedan • 4 cyl • $12,640
69,659 km • Auto • Stk: # 35009

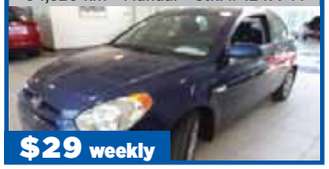
$53 weekly

2008 Honda Civic DX-G
Sedan • 1.8L 4 cyl • $9,940
102,688 km • Manual • Stk: # 34858



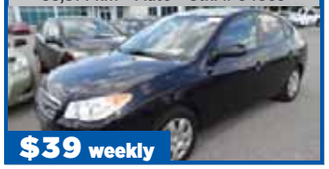
$49 weekly

2008 Hyundai Accent
Hatchback • 1.6L 4 cyl • $7,850
64,520 km • Manual • Stk: # 12477-A



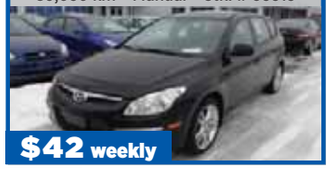
$29 weekly

2008 Hyundai Elantra
Sedan • 2.0L 4 cyl • $7,960
88,814 km • Auto • Stk: # 34869



$39 weekly

2010 Hyundai Elantra GLS
Touring Sedan • 2.0L 4 cyl • $9,980
89,656 km • Manual • Stk: # 35515



$42 weekly

2011 Hyundai Sonata
2.4L 4 cyl • $13,720
74,881 km • Auto • Stk: # 35355

$57 weekly

2011 Honda Pilot LX
4WD 8PASS • 3.5L V6 cyl • $25,670
60,981 km • Auto • Stk: # 35148 USA

$107 weekly

2009 Mazda5
Minivan • 2.3L 4 cyl • $11,960
63,567 km • Auto • Stk: # 34468

$59 weekly

2007 Mazda5
Minivan • 2.3L 4 cyl • $8,650
94,943 km • Manual • Stk: # 34526-A

$52 weekly

2009 Mitsubishi Lancer DE
Sedan • 2.0L 4 cyl • $9,850
81,177 km • Auto • Stk: # 35550

$49 weekly

2010 Hyundai Genesis 2.0T
Coupe • 2.0L 4 cyl • $14,640
95,917 km • Manual • Stk: # 35549

$63 weekly

2012 Nissan Sentra
XTRONIC CVT • 4 cyl • $11,990
52,050 km • Auto • Stk: # 35391

$49 weekly

2012 Nissan Versa
Hatchback • 1.8L 4 cyl • $10,980
53,172 km • Auto • Stk: # 35400

$46 weekly

2008 Suzuki SX4
AWD • 4 cyl • $8,450
101,049 km • Manual • Stk: # 35228

$42 weekly

2012 Toyota Corolla
Sedan • 1.8L 4 cyl • $12,960
48,144 km • Auto • Stk: # 35323

$84 weekly

2010 Toyota RAV4
4WD SUV • 2.5L 4 cyl • $17,860
41,864 km • Auto • Stk: # 34484 USA

$88 weekly

2008 Toyota Yaris
Sedan • 4 cyl • $8,850
82,347 km • Auto • Stk: # 34853

$44 weekly

2010 Toyota Corolla CE
Sedan • 1.8L 4 cyl • $9,870
96,182 km • Auto • Stk: # 35356

$41 weekly

2011 Hyundai Sonata
Sedan • 2.4L 4 cyl • $13,720
74,881 km • Auto • Stk: # 35355

$57 weekly

2011 Ford F-150 XL
FLEX FUEL • 3.7L V6 cyl • $15,860
19,357 km • Auto • Stk: # 35587

$66 weekly

2011 Dodge Gr Caravan
SE/SXT • 3.6L V6 cyl • $14,850
66,077 km • Auto • Stk: # 35582

$62 weekly

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